

LINTON ON OUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
 held on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7.00 pm
 in the Village Hall Linton on Ouse

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Present

Cllr. Croft (Chairman), Cllrs Brama, Goodridge, Keegan & Lund. County Cllr. Patmore (late arrival). and District Cllr. Rooke (late arrival). M Lumsden (RAF), P. Lewis Brown (RAF), Fiona Coleman (Broadacres), Amanda Madden (H.D.C. Housing Enabler). W. Frost (Clerk) and one member of the public.

Chairman's Opening Comments

The Chairman announced that he had today been informed of the death of Mrs Pat Marston the wife of former Chairman, Brian Marston and requested that the Clerk write to the family expressing the Council's condolences. He also welcomed Mrs Lillian Lund to her first meeting following her co-option. Cllr. Lund completed the necessary consent to act form.

14-0124 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Jauncey.

14-0125 Declaration of Interest

None declared.

14-0126 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2014 having been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman.

14-0127 Public Forum

Mrs Helen Kirby wished everybody a Happy New Year and enquired if any action had been taken with regard to the light on Mill Lane. The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted H.D.C. and had been assured that the light would be checked. In the recent windy weather the wreaths had been blown away from the Cairn and appeared to have disappeared. Mrs Kirby referred Cllrs. to the War Memorials website which had details of how long wreaths should remain in place on memorials. The Clerk stated that he believed the Council had agreed in the past to a minimum of six weeks but would include it as an agenda item for the next meeting. **(Action Clerk).**

14-0128 Affordable Housing

Fiona Coleman reported that there had been a successful consultation day today with some 38 people attending. Registration of formal applications for a property would take place between 29th Jan and 3rd February and rents had been set at £115 for a two bedroom property and £130 for a three bedroomed which was less than 80% of the local open market rent for private properties. There was also the possibility of shared ownership with 50% of the equity of a three bedroomed house being assessed at £100,000. Work on the development was progressing well and scaffolding was beginning to be removed and second fix in progress. Drainage would be connected commencing 9th February and the work would take three weeks; it would involve traffic lights on the road. Gas, B.T. services and water would all be installed in the next couple of weeks. Cllrs. expressed concern that the installation of traffic lights at the same time as the road closure between Linton and Aldwark would cause considerable difficulty. Ms Coleman stated that regretfully the proposed dates for the drainage work could not be changed as it would disrupt the whole completion process. The Chairman thanked Ms. Coleman for her report and she and Ms Madden left the meeting.

14-0129 County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Patmore confirmed that she had attended the meeting at Area 2's offices concerning the Linton to Aldwark road closure and gave a brief outline of that meeting. The Chairman informed Cllr. Patmore that work had been carried out just before Christmas on the verge at Jauncey Way and the standard of work was disgraceful with all previous planting destroyed. Arrangements had therefore been made with The Community Payback Scheme that they would do work on the area and also cut back the opposite footpath as far as the speed derestriction sign.

14-0130 District Councillors Report

Cllr. Rooke outlined the recent planning changes that would mean for small developments of under 11 houses there would be no S106 monies or Community Infrastructure Levy and there would be no obligation to provide affordable housing. An application for 260 houses at Easingwold had been

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refused by the planners and had gone to appeal. Exceptionally the planning inspector had agreed with Hambleton planners and had refused the appeal. No applicant had come forward to develop the supermarket and petrol station in Easingwold.

14-0131 RAF Liaison Officers Report

M Lumsden reported that a graduation ceremony had been held on the 9th January in appalling weather which had somewhat curtailed the flying display as had happened at the previous graduation. The next graduation would be on the 3rd May. 3 fast jet courses were currently running M Lumsden agreed to contact Ms Coleman to see if there could be any assistance provided by the RAF at busy periods whilst the traffic control was in place for the drainage works. The Chairman requested that the thanks of everyone who attended the Christmas party be passed back to the base and that the Clerk to write formally to thank the C.O. **(Action Clerk)**.

P. Lewis-Brown stated that an arrangement for partnership working with Adult Learning and the first course arranged had been fully booked and it was proposed to run a number of courses, open to the public and camp personnel throughout the year. P Lewis Brown confirmed that the MUGA was regularly inspected and that it was covered by public liability insurance.

14-0132 Clerk's Report and Financial Matters

14-132.1 The Clerk gave his verbal general report and presented his written financial report to December 2014 which was approved by Council. He informed Cllrs. that he had written to both the School and Linton Woods Estate Management re Yorkshire Water taking over private sewage pumping stations, had completed the application for a Peter Davidson award and had made enquiries regarding repairs to the stile at Fisherman's Walk.

A date for the V.E. Day Service had been suggested and it was agreed that Sunday May 10 was the most suitable.

The Clerk also advised Cllrs. that it was his intention to retire as at the 31st July 2015 on his 70th Birthday. This would mean that there was opportunity to have a phased hand over to a new Clerk and annual accounts, AGM and the general and parish elections would all have been completed before he retired.

14-132.2 Payment of the following account was approved:-

Cllrs. and Clerks Expenses.

Cllr. Croft £35.77

Clerk Oct-Dec 2014 £112.47

Revenue & Customs Tax on Salaries. £239.20

Gross Salaries December 2014 £437.16.

Bank balances at the end of December were noted at £15375

Planning and Highways

14-0133 Planning

To consider the following application received from H.D.C.

14-133.1 Single storey side and rear extensions, Village End Main St Linton Mr Dennard & Miss Burgess 14/02538/FUL Council recommended the application for approval without further comment. Council noted and recorded the following approval by H.D.C:-

14-133.2 Work on tree subject to TPO. 3 The Spinney Half Moon Street Linton Mrs Preston.

14/01826/TPO

Highways

14-133.3 Information had been circulated regarding the road closure between Linton on Ouse and Aldwark Bridge from the 19th January and it was noted that diversion routes would be in place. It was anticipated that the work could take up to 3 months.

14-133.4 The Clerk advised Cllrs. that the request for parking restrictions from RAF viewing area to the airfield boundary had been refused on the grounds of cost and difficulty of enforcement.

14-0134 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that the following correspondence had been received. Cllrs. agreed that all items be circulated. **(Action Clerk)**.

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 Details Parish Precepts from H.D.C.
 Email in support of Vile Villages event.

14-0135 New Items

The Clerk reported that there had been a dispute between two parishioners concerning the display of a commercial notice on the Mill Lane notice board. The matter had escalated to the extent that the Police had been involved. The Clerk confirmed that the Notice Boards at the Village Hall, Half Moon Street and Linton Woods Estate were the ones that official parish notices had always been published on and that the accepted practice for these boards was that any commercial notices or notices not advertising local events were removed. The board at Mill Lane was available for general public notices and had not, and would not, be monitored by the Council. Interested parties had been advised.

Playing Field & Village Hall

14-0136 Cllr. Keegan reported that the children's Christmas party had been a great success much enjoyed by everyone concerned.

It was noted that a supply of salt was still required for the Village Hall salt bin. Clerk to contact H.D.C. **(Action Clerk).**

The Chairman suggested that with the current work on determining requirements for S106 monies and possible use of that money for some of the playing field projects it would perhaps be sensible to delay any further development work with T.V.C. until such time as the funding provided by S106 be allocated. Cllrs. agreed the suggestion.

14-0137 Minor Matters and Items for Next Agenda.

Minor Matters.

It was noted that the problems with dog fouling had somewhat abated at the moment and it was agreed that no further action be taken.

The Chairman reported that he had made an attempt to investigate the filing cabinets in the village hall shed but due to them being behind a large quantity of stored items had been unable to access them. He requested assistance from Cllrs. to carry out the necessary investigation. **(Action Cllrs.).**

Next Agenda

Retention of wreaths on Cairn.

14-0138 Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman informed Cllrs. that he had been approached by the school to support a new nursery at the school as part of the Early years programme and he had offered the Council's support. He had also received a request via email to assist an ex Linton RAF veteran to pay a visit to the camp. He had put the family in touch with the C.O.'s personal assistant. The Chairman thanked everyone for their and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Items for Circulation

Correspondence items at 14-0134

Date of Next Meeting: - Tuesday 10th February 2015 at 7.00pm.